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SUBJECT: DR NEWS ALERT NO. 7

1. MODERATE NATIONALISTIC LA TRIBUNA OF DECEMBER 3 RUNS
STORY BASED ON LOCAL UNO/FDN COMMUNIQUE ON MAJOR
MILITARY ACTIVITIES WITHIN NICARAGUA BETWEEN NOVEMBER 19
AND 27. MOST ACTIVITY IS REPORTED FROM CHONTALES AND
RIO SAN JUAN DEPARTMENTS.

2. LIBERAL TIEMPO OF DECEMBER 3 CARRIES EXTENSIVE
REVIEW OF PRO-SANDINISTA CBS-FOX FILM "LATINOS" UNDER
LEAD "FILM DENIGRATES HONDURAS". INCLUDES STILLS FROM
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THE PRODUCTION SHOWING "FORCED RECRUITMENT" OF PEASANTS
BY NDR, FDN UNITS "CROSSING INTO NICARAGUA FROM
HONDURAS" AND "CIA-SELECTED GREEN BERET TRAINING THE
CONTRAS". COMMENT: FILM HAS NOT YET BEEN SHOWN IN
HONDURAN THEATERS THOUGH SOME EXCERPTS HAVE BEEN SHOWN
ON LOCAL TV.

3. MOST MEDIA OF DECEMBER 4 FEATURE DANIEL ORTEGA'S
ALLEGATION THAT THE FLORIDA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD IS
FIRING ITS ARTILLERY AT NICARAGUA AND THAT OTHER
UNSPECIFIED U.S. UNITS ARE "MOBILIZING NEAR THE
NICARAGUAN BORDER". EMBASSY AND DOD DENIALS OF THESE
FANTASIES ARE ALSO GIVEN PROMINENT PLAY.

4. LA TRIBUNA OF DECEMBER 4 PUBLISHES TRANSLATION OF JERUSALEM-DATELINED MIAMI HERALD STORY OF DECEMBER 3 ALLEGING HONDURAN ROLE IN TRANSFER OF ARMS FROM ISRAEL TO UNO/FDN. RUNS UNDER PAGE-ONE BANNER "HONDURAN OFFICER CERTIFIED SALE BY ISRAEL OF ARMS TO THE CONTRAS".

5. RADIO 15TH OF SEPTEMBER (FDN) REPORTED FOLLOWING INFORMATION OVER WEEKEND OF NOV. 29-30:

- -- EPS OFFICIALS IN MIAMI ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS WANT TO DEFECT TO U.S.;
- -- REPORTS OF LARGE SANDINISTA THEFTS OF FUNDS AT TWO LARGE COLLECTIVE FARMS, ONE AT SAN MARCOS
- CORAZO (30 MILLION CORDOBAS); AND
- -- REPORTS OF DR VICTORIES IN ENGAGEMENTS IN CHONTALES.

6. RADIO ALSO PLAYED FOLLOWING LATEST FDN SLOGANS:

- -- DONDE ESTA EL TERROR?

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- EN EL MINISTERIOR DEL INTERIOR|

- -- QUE QUIERE LA GENTE?

- QUE SE VAYA LA FRENTE|

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